

## **GLOSSARY**

**Administrator:** A person appointed by a court to manage the assets and estate of a protected person. Also known as “conservator”.

**Annual report/Accounting:** A written report about the ward and/or accounting of the estate to the court, usually done on each anniversary date of qualification as guardian/conservator, on resignation or removal as guardian and on termination of the ward's disability.

**Attorney-in-fact:** An attorney who may or may not be a lawyer who is given written authority to act on another's behalf, usually by a power of attorney

**Bond:** A sum of money paid as surety to assure performance of duties and to insure against loss caused by the conservator's acts. The bond is usually the amount of the value of the property of the estate in the conservator's control plus one year's estimated income.

**Conflict of Interest:** When the appointed person's obligations to the protected person and the personal interests of the appointed person do not agree, particularly when it results in a financial benefit to the appointed person, their family, or friends.

**Conservator:** A person appointed by a court to manage the assets and estate of a protected person. Also known as “administrator”.

**Conservatorship:** A court action appointing someone to manage the assets and estate of a protected person.

**Estate:** All that a person owns.

**Guardian:** A person who has been appointed by the court to make personal decisions for and manage the care of an incapacitated person.

**Guardianship:** A court action appointing someone to make personal decisions for and manage the care of an incapacitated person.

**Incapacitated person:** Any person who is impaired by reason of mental illness, mental deficiency, mental disorder, physical illness or disability, chronic use of drugs, chronic intoxication or other cause, except minority, to the extent that he lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate responsible decisions concerning his person. After court appointment of a guardian, also known as “ward”.

**Interested Party:\*\*\*** Anyone with an interest in the incapacitated and/or protected person or their assets and estate. This includes relatives, creditors, debtors, and anyone who has filed a Request for Notice with the court in the proceedings.

**Investigator:** Person appointed to conduct an investigation before the court appoints a guardian or a conservator to allow the court to determine the appropriateness of that appointment. As directed by the court, the investigator shall conduct additional investigations to determine if it is necessary to continue the appointment.

**Jurisdiction:** The limits within which the court has the authority to interpret and apply the law.

**Limited Guardian:** A person who has been appointed by the court to make some personal decisions for an incapacitated person who retains the ability to make some other decisions for his/herself.

**Limited Guardianship:** A court action appointing someone to make some personal decisions for an incapacitated person who retains the ability to make some other decisions for his/herself.

**Medical Professional:** A physician, psychologist or registered nurse appointed by the court to exam the proposed incapacitated or protected person and file a report with the court.

**Notary Public:** A public officer appointed by the Arizona Secretary of State with power to administer oaths.

**Oath:** A declaration or promise regarding the truth of what one says or has written.

**Petition:** A formal written request for a court order.

**Petitioner:** Someone who files a petitions with the court.

**Protected person:** A person for whom a conservator has been appointed or any other protective order has been made.

**Trustee:** One who holds legal title to property for the benefit of another person, and who must carry out specific duties with regard to the property.

**Venue:** The place where a court proceeding takes place because that place has some connection to the events that led to the lawsuit in the first place.

**Ward:** A person for whom a guardian has been appointed by the court. Also known as “incapacitated person”.